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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed October 11, 2007, Applicant offers the following Amendment and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text.

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Claim 1 is currently amended to include a limitation regarding the timing of heating or cooling of a chromatographic fluid in accordance with the present invention. This amendment finds support in the specification at page 5, lines 6-7 and in Figure 2. Claim 6 is currently amended to provide omitted punctuation.